

September 6, 2011

Mr. Phil Isenberg, Chairman  
Delta Stewardship Council  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE DRAFT DELTA PLAN**


Dear Chairman Isenberg:

The California Chamber of Commerce has serious concerns with the draft Delta Plan being developed by the Delta Stewardship Council. The fifth draft was an improvement over previous drafts but still does not meet the co-equal goals of improved water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem health. It needs quite a bit more work.

The draft plan lacks certainty about what kind of water supply will be available in the future. Businesses do long term planning sometimes over many decades using a variety of factors that often include information about the quality and availability of a long term supply of water. It is not possible to plan without knowing if the fundamentals will be available. Business must have certainty to continue to invest in California. Uncertainty makes it that much easier to decide that California is not the place to keep a company, expand one or site one. In a state with 12 percent unemployment, every business matters.

As a member of the Ag-Urban Coalition, I respectfully request that the Council consider the Alternate Delta Plan submitted by the coalition and work with us to find the best options to meet the co-equal goals. The Alternate Delta Plan provides the certainty that the business community needs.

Sincerely,



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Policy Advocate